



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

NORTHWESTERN HIGH

York 3

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,791

Principal: James A. Blake II

Superintendent: Lynn P. Moody

Board Chair: Bob Norwood

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	15	6	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Passed 2 subtests (%)	75.2%	83.9%	79.0%	80.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.8%	9.3%	11.9%	11.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	11.0%	6.8%	9.1%	8.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.7%	92.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	453	422
Number of Diplomas	336	315
Rate (%)	74.2%	73.4%

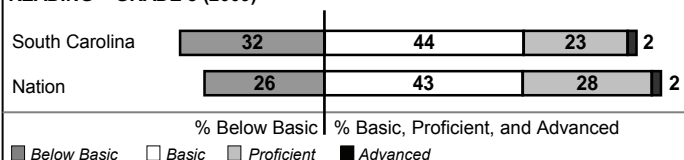
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	68.1	77.6
English 1	64.4	74.2
Physical Science	67.1	65.8
US History and the Constitution	43.4	53.4
All Tests	60.0	67.1

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2009)



MATH – GRADE 8 (2009)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,791)				
Retention rate	4.4%	Down from 6.5%	3.3%	3.7%
Attendance rate	97.9%	Up from 95.8%	95.7%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.3%	Down from 9.3%	16.7%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	14.7%	Up from 13.8%	10.5%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	9.4%	Down from 10.6%	7.7%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.5%	Down from 1.1%	0.6%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	18.3%	Down from 20.7%	19.5%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	61.3%	Down from 73.4%	58.8%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.9%	Down from 51.2%	30.9%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	2.1%	Down from 4.0%	2.9%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 5.7%	1.9%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	771	Down from 1174	771	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	78.4%	Up from 77.0%	78.4%	78.7%
Teachers (n=104)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.8%	Up from 52.0%	59.4%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	73.1%	Up from 71.6%	78.8%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.2%	Down from 5.4%	4.8%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.8%	Up from 86.7%	87.4%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 94.3%	95.7%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,815	Up 1.6%	\$48,164	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.9%	Up from 0.0%	1.1%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	8.6 days	Down from 13.5 days	9.8 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.5 to 1	Up from 26.9 to 1	28.8 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.4%	Up from 89.3%	90.5%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,943	Up 11.1%	\$6,918	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.5%	Down from 65.3%	57.3%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.7%	Down from 67.6%	61.5%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.9%	Down from 96.4%	96.5%	96.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	81.0%	Up from 76.2%	71.4%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	102	322	59
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.3%	83.7%	94.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.1%	87.8%	81.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	80.8%	87.7%	82.8%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Northwestern prides itself in providing opportunities for all students to be successful academically, artistically, and athletically.

Over the past four years, Northwestern earned Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for Academic Excellence and Improvement, was named a Grammy School for the Performing Arts, was certified as a Project Lead the Way school, a High School That Works, and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredited site. In this year's Senior Class of three hundred and seventy students, thirty-nine graduated with Highest Honors. Twenty-five graduated with Honors, seventeen completed the academic and extracurricular requirements for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, thirty-one took three or more Advanced Placement Exams, one hundred and one were awarded a Gold Seal diploma, fourteen were awarded the SC Academic Achievement Honors Diploma, and thirty-one were Palmetto Fellows. The combined monetary value of all scholarships awarded to the Class of 2010 exceeded \$9 Million.

Northwestern's performing and visual arts program produced many Allstate performers. Our students exhibited artwork in local and state competitions, with many pieces receiving top honors. Our schools orchestra program gained state and regional recognition by scoring a superior rating on the highest level of performed music in the SC Music Educators Association competition. The choral department entertained our community with winter holiday and spring concerts, along with other requested community events. Our theater department preformed multiple shows for the school and community, finishing as state runner-ups. The Purple Regiment Marching Band entered the season as defending 4A state champions, advanced through state and regional competitions, and finished as silver medalist for the 2009 marching season. This helped our total band program secure The Outstanding Performance Award given by the SC Band Director's Association for the 20th consecutive year.

As a result of the competitive spirit of our over six hundred student/athletes on our thirty-six athletic teams, Northwestern led our region, area, and county in the SCHSL Director's Cup competition, which recognizes the classifications most competitive athletic programs. Northwestern finished the school year with five region championships (competitive cheer, football, girls' basketball, baseball, boys' soccer), three upper-state championships (competitive cheer, football, and boys' soccer), and one team state championship in boys' soccer. The SC High School League recognized and awarded Northwestern athletes and coaches a state-leading fifty-six Scholar athletic certificates, sixty-three All Region athlete awards, four Region Coaches of the Year awards, fourteen All State Athlete certificates and medallions, two State Coaches of the Year honors, and two Individual State Champion Athlete awards. Seventeen seniors in this year's graduating class have been offered athletic scholarships to compete at the collegiate level.

Ms. Teresa Graham – SIC Chair
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